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Subject: AltEn press

Hi. Hope you are doing well!

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Public records reveal frustration as state sought to deal with pesticide dangers from ethanol plant – 11/21/21 - After environmental regulators learned that AltEn was using pesticide treated seed to make ethanol, producing highly contaminated waste products in the process, they also learned there was little they could do about it. Emails obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency through a Freedom of Information Act request by the Journal Star shed further insight onto the confusion and legal obstacles regulators faced in trying to address complaints from the people of Mead about the plant. <https://bit.ly/3r1chbE>

Documentary “Bad Seed”:

https://lexch.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/watch-now-journal-star-documentary-details-meads-fight-against-a-toxic-ethanol-plant/article_00b12df5-d57c-50a3-aefa-02d18da53ee8.html

Researchers seeking clues in nature to track Mead ethanol plant's trauma – 11/21/21 - Since 2017, the loss of dozens of honey bee colonies has indicated something was wrong in the environment at the Eastern Nebraska Research and Extension Center, UNL's agricultural research station south of Mead. Ultimately, AltEn, a biofuel plant just north of the research farm, was identified as the reason bees were dying en masse. <https://bit.ly/3FCaf5N>

Mead official says village's water supply is safe to drink – 11/21/21 - Even before the potential for groundwater contamination originating at AltEn was discovered, Mead officials made an investment to overhaul the village's aging infrastructure. <https://bit.ly/3HCROrv>

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